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**To:** Microsoft ATR  
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Dear Sir;

I have written you earlier indicating that this country needs to settle this unfortunate case against Microsoft. I hope that the settlement approved by Microsoft will be finally accepted.

The new development that AOL now sues Microsoft for "damages" in the "browser war" is only further proof that this case is all about easy money and lawyers and little about competition in the market place.

Being a software programmer I watched my clients willingly one after another at their own initiative begin to increasingly prefer the Microsoft IE browser, not because it was cheaper or even free, but simply because it step-by-step became a more desirable product yielding business efficiencies far in excess of whatever small cost it may have had.

Unless this country wants to spend all of our R&D monies on lawyers and inferior corporate innovation by competitors of Microsoft, I hope that the DOJ will terminate all this now so that we can get back to business as usual.

DOJ should not become the AOL corporate legal ("R&D") department; nor should DOJ become the vehicle for certain members of Congress to "buy" votes in the districts where Microsoft competitors reside.

Microsoft simply makes more innovative products at a better price year after year and that is what consumers want. What is so difficult to understand? Why all this government intervention socialism?

Sincerely yours,

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